



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Philip Travis  
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Dear Mr. Travis:

Enclosed please find a CPF Form 101, Statement of Organization of a Political Committee, as you requested in your letter of July 27, 1982.

M.G.L. c. 55, section 5, provides for the manner of organization and the requirements of organization of a political committee. You will find on the back of the enclosed form a copy of Section 5. While the Statement of Organization shall include "... (1) the name of the political committee, which, if organized on behalf of a candidate, shall include the name of the candidate in said name,...(4) the name and residential address of the Chairman and the Treasurer..." there is no specific prohibition against the candidate being the Chairman and Treasurer of his political committee, if he so desires.\*

However, c. 55, section 13 states, in relevant part that, "No person employed for compensation, other than an elected officer, by the commonwealth or any county, city or town shall directly or indirectly solicit or receive any gift, payment, contribution, assessment, subscription or promise of money or other thing of value for the political campaign purposes of any candidate for public office or of any political committee, or for any political purpose whatever, but this section shall not prevent such persons from being members of political organizations or committees. The soliciting or receiving of any gift, payment, contribution, assessment, subscription or promise of money or other thing of value by a non-elected political committee organized to promote the candidacy for public office of a person so employed for compensation by the commonwealth or any county, city or town, shall not be deemed to be a direct or indirect solicitation or receipt of such contribution by such person..." Therefore, if you are a public employee, while your political committee could solicit on your behalf, it would be improper for you to be Treasurer of the Committee.

Very truly yours,

*Dennis J. Duffin*  
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\* Changed by C. 631 of the Acts of 1986  
See enclosed